DID HE BRIBE CHICAGO ALDERMEN?

HIS COUNSEL WOULD NOT LET HIM ANSWER-INQUIRY SHUT OFF CONCERNING CHARGES

OF DISHONESTY AT MONMOUTH PARK. E. J. Myers, attorney for Peter De Lacy, asked estions while he was cross-examining Racing Association, in the Superior Court which were brought against the managers of his racetrack for keeping disorderly houses, and also other questions about Walcott's methods in securing the passage of the ordinance by the Chicago Board of Aldermen authorizing the construction of the elevated railroad in Chicago, including the question pointolank whether he had bribed or attrouble began when an item for \$12.50 for five new trouble began when an item for \$12.50 for five new

we winced. Few could be restrained from maniwere a matter of course-an old story. HISTORY OF THE TRANSACTION.

case is in brief as follows: Walcott form leate to get a charter and build the elevated ad in Chicago. The syndicate started with \$100,000 in cash. There was difficulty in getting the sary ordinance passed. The Corporation Counsel of Chicago condemned the scheme. Still the finally passed the bill. Then Mayor Roche vetoed it, whereupon the Board of Aldermen promptly passed the ordinance over the veto. The suspicious circumstances surrounding the passage of this ordinance contrary to the recommendations of the Corporation Counsel and Mayor aroused suspicion and provoked many sharp comcents at the time. Afterward Walcott testified Van Hovenberg, a Commissioner inted to take his testimony, that he had expended \$100,000 in getting the ordinance through the Chicago Board of Aldermen "for legal purposes and various newspaper uses

The charter was obtained in the spring of 1888. There was a provision tacked to it that the syndi-cate must deposit \$100,000 with the city treasurer syndicate was not prepared for this require-it. Walcott had spent all its money "for legal poses and various newpaper uses." The money be forfeited. There was much scrambling on associates were in despair. The "chance of a life-

Now Walcott denies that he made such an agreechalf of the company that Walcott had no righ to act for them if he did make the agreement, hence that the alleged contract was null and To meet this last objection Mr. De Lacy es that the titular officials of the company were mere dummies, and that Walcott owned most of cross-examination of Walcott was intended by the plaintiff to show this. Some of the questions also were intended to show the credibility of the witness. "The more improbable story he tells," remarked Mr. Myers, "the better it will be for my side of the case." the stock and had most to do with its affairs. The

marked Mr. Myers, "the better it will be for my side of the case."

"Have you ever been a bookmaker?" was asked. "Not that I know of," answered Walcott.

"Ever own a racing stable?" asked Mr. Myers.
"I object," said Mr. Davles.
"Tou asked similar questions of Mr. De Lacy when he was on the stand," said Mr. Myers.
"Do you mean to say that no distinction should be drawn between a gentleman who owns a racing stable and a mere bookmaker, one who keeps poolrooms, where young men are ruined?" asked Mr. Davles, with considerable warmth.
"If there were no racing stables there would be no poolrooms," said Mr. Myers, smiling blandly, Judge Dugro allowed the question, and Walcott said that he had owned race horses and had run them, to his sorrow.
"Have you bet upon horseraces?"

FOR REEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE.

its management in 1892 and 1893?"
"I did."

"I did."

"Was not the Monmouth Park Racing Association prosecuted in 1852 for keeping a disorderly house?"

"We were all arrested on that charge. The prosecution was abandoned."

"Were not charges made against you in 1832 on the ground that horses were run dishonestly at Monmouth Park?"

Judge Dugro decided that the witness need not answer the question. Mr. Myers took exception. "Were not charges of dishonestly made against the management of the Monmouth Park Racing Association, of which you were president, by The Tribune. "The Herald." "The Times," and other New-York newspapers last summer?"

This question was also disallowed.

Walcott then testified that he had told De Lacy that it was a risky venture to invest his 310,000, but that De Lacy had given him a check for the amount. He assured the Court and Mr. Myers, however, that he did not act for the company in the transaction. For whom did he act? For Mr. Reed. He just took the money from De Lacy for Mr. Reed. What interest had Reed in the affair? He was letting De Lacy into a good thing, Mr. Myers said, "Oh!"

WERE ALDERMEN BRIBED?

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Mr. Myers then asked Walcott about his deal with the Chicago Board of Aldermen, in the course ey to any member of the Chicago Board of ber of the board, to influence his vote in favor of the charter of the Chicago and South Side Rapid Fransit Company?"
Mr. Davies objected. Such a question was scan-lajous. There was not a word of truth in the in-

dalous. There was not a word of trath in the insinuation.

Mr. Myers submitted that if Walcott had been guity of bribery in Chicago, the fact would affect his credibility in the present suit. Judge Dugro, nowever, ruled the question out.

Mr. Myers then tried to get Walcott to say exactly what his relations to the Chicago and South Side Rapid Transit Company were at the time he made the alleged agreement with De Lacy. Walcott made evasive answers. Finally Judge Dugro remarked that the witness was fencing, and told Mr. Davies that he would have to offer pretty strong evilence to remove the impression from his (the Judge's) mind that Walcott was practically the corporation, and was acting for it.

Walcott was on the stand until nearly the time when the court closed.

THREE MEN HELD FOR TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF

bookkeeper and paying teller respectively of the State Bank of New-York, at No. 378 Grand-st., Justice Martin, in the Tombs Police Court, charged

with embezziement. It was charged that on July 21 last they embezzied \$1,200 from the bank and attempted to conceal the embezziement by means of false entries. Alfred Samuels, a cigar manufacturer at First-ave, and Seventy-fifth-st., who was charged as an accompilee, was also in court.

Oscar L. Richards, president of the bank, explained the discovery of the alleged embezziement. He said that \$15,000 had been stolen from the bank, although the direct complaint, was for only \$1,250. This part of the testimony was, however, excluded. Evans & Ersfield defended Abresch, and Mr. Evans declared that the whole thing was a conspiracy against his client, made by President Richards and the directors, "in order to shield themselves in the commission of crime which they have been guilty of." He declared that Mr. Richards had had Abresch arrested because Abresch threatened to disclose the workings of the bank, Mr. Richards admitted having been threatened by Abresch.

tion can apply that title to Mr. Jacoby."

MUSIC TEACHERS TO HAVE A CONFERENCE.

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The Music Teachers' National Association at a represented by J. Edward Weide and H. H. Permins. The Public Hack Owners' Association and the Livery Stable Men's Association also had representatives. Several amendments were suggested. The committee will probably report the redinances favorably at the next meeting of the committee will probably report the ness meeting, which will be held next July, will be a business meeting, which will be held next July, will be a business meeting, and not a musical convention as here-tofore.

## PRESIDENT PORTER EXCITED

HE DECLARES CHARGES AGAINST HIS DE-PARTMENT ARE "FALSE AS HELL."

A HOT FIGHT IN THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE OVER THE ALLEGED TREATMENT OF

The proceedings of the Board of Estimate yes-terday were marked by passages of vehement deyesterday in the suit brought by Peter De Lacy sent the red blood up into several faces around to recover \$100,000 from Walcott and the Chicago the long table in the Mayor's office, and caused eyes South Side Rapid Transit Company, which to flash angrily. The main incidents of interest Walcott organized, and for which he secured a were President Barker's caustle arraignment of the Charter from the Chicago Board of Aldermen. the Charities and Correction Department, on ac-

or and honesty asked of him.

I is not extremely pleasant to be asked in pubwhether you have been responsible for the exmade were fixed last October the \$12,500 made
its usual appearance, and was feet to be the second to bribe Aldermen. Most reprofession to the second to bribe Aldermen. Most reprofession to the second to bribe Aldermen. nce of disorderly houses, and whether you have ed to bribe Aldermen. Most men of honor would be wined. Few could be restrained from maniting indignation. Walcott gave no sign. He supply ten wascons instead of five. This would be a wagen for each police station having a matter of course—an old story.

HISTORY OF THE TRANSACTION.

COMMISSIONER MACLEAN ABOUSED Commissioner MacLean, who had been sitting quietly beside Controller Myers, sprang to his feet at this point and opposed the allowance.

"There can be no use for these wagans," he said,
"until the signalling system is perfected. How can

they be summoned from one point to another? a tone that savored of a sneet. Before Mr. Martin could reply, Mayor Gliroy re-

marked, as though unaware who Mr. MacLean "I consider that the Police Commissioners are

the best judges of this matter, and I am willing

"In my opinion, Mr. Mayor," retorted Commis-sioner MacLean, "one wason will be enough." "That suggestion is ridiculous," said Commisdoner Martin, angrily, "Does Commissioner Mac Lean know that there are stations all over the city. and that those having matrons are far apart?" Commissioner MacLean said something in a low lem Police Court, but neither the Mayor nor Com

nissioner Martin noticed it. The patrol wagon

ppropriation was finally passed, increased to LIVIEST "SCRAP" OF THE DAY.

But the livellest scrap of the day was over the rection. President Porter and Commissioner Sheehy represented the department. They had asked pro visionally for \$2,699,252, but various changes had reduced it to \$2,273,175. In this sum was an item of \$825,000 for supplies. Tax-Commissioner Barker denounced the practice which he said he had dis-covered to prevail of paying out the city's mone.

exira accommodations.

"How is this, Mr. President?" asked the Mayor, turning to Mr. Porter. "If these statements are true, this scandal ought to be investigated."
"But the law expressly ellows us to make exceptions," pleaded Mr. Porter querulously. Then the Mayor turned upon the unfortunate Sheehy, and eyed him severely.

THE MAYOR LAMENTS ME. SHEERY'S IGNORANCE "Some Commissioners," he said, "are too ignorant

Commissioner Barker, misapprehending th

we ought to thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If these charges are true, there should be an investigation at once." All eyes were on Commissioner Shechy, whose distress was visibly augmented.

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"He must have misunderstood me." he said feebly, as though duzed by the turn of affairs. Commissioner Earker said, casting a pitying glance at Sheehy. "Oh, no. I didn't."

The Mayor, evidently anxious to close the incident, said. "The appoint Commissioner Earker said to commissioner Earker said controller Myers to make an investigation."

Commissioner Earker said he must decline to serve, and the matter was dropped.

The item for coal for the poor was raised from \$30,000 to \$40,000, and the allowance for other affix from \$1,000 to \$50,000. A letter from the United Charitles Societies was received urgins that immediate measures be taken by the city authorities to afford relief to the decitive. It was read and ordered on file. The total sum allowed for the department for 184 was \$12,23,45.

For the Eurcau of Elections £34,450 was voted. President Martin asked that the appropriation be enlarged, in view of the fact that a special election was to be held in February. This was interpreted to mean that Mr. Croker has decided to have elections in the XIVth and XVth Comeress districts for successors to Controller-elect Fitch and District-Attorney-elect Fellows, but no increase was allowed.

The sum of \$30,000 was allowed the New-York Free Circulating Library, and \$40,000 each to the Aguilar and the Approniaces fibrarles.

To the Health Department was voted a total of \$42,000. Controller-elect Fitch and beside Controller sets and studied the proceedings.

The estimates of the Street Cleaning Department and the Board of Education will be taken up to-day.

A CONTEST OF WORDS, NOT SWORDS.

FOR STEALING FROM THE STATE BANK.

THERE MEN HELD FOR TRIAL ON A CHARGE OF Society. As Mr. Nicolas refuses, he has been

Alexander Eisberg and Carl Abresch, formerly that is, as calm as reasonably could be expected, but he positively refuses to meet the trate Jacoby

world, and has no professional standing whatever.

"I do not feel obliged to accept his challenge, because I believe that any such contest would only engender hard feelings, and would not help fencing in the least. Even if I met him and defeated himand I can do it—where is there any credit? There are amateurs in New-York who can make a laughing stock of him. He has assaled my character, I am to-day teacher of fencing to the New-York Athletic Club, Troop 'A' and Columbia College. I shall pay no attention to Jacoby, unless I punish him in the courts for libel. I firmly refuse to meet him Gentlemen fence only with gentlemen, and no one with even the most elastic imagination can apply that title to Mr. Jacoby."

# A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

WHAT TO HAVE AND HOW TO COOK IT-FULL DETAILS FROM OYSTER; TO COPPEE

In the good old days when the Christmas dinner was served on the table both the housewife and the book took much greater care and pride in its preparation. A common remark of the cooks nowadays What is the use of making things to look nice when only the butler sees them?" with his head and tail left on-was made to lie clear as to suggest his native element; and the time-honored turkey, with his wings modestly tucked away behind his back, brought to the table The questions referred to were as to Walcott's count of the favorlism shown in its treatment of the favorlism shown in its tre distinguished old families and one who had been an invalid for years, with no appetite even for the delicacies prepared for her by her faithful nurse. question pointblank whether he had bribed or attempted to bribe members of the Chicago Board of Aldermen. Julien T. Davies, counsel for Walcott, interposed timely objections, which were sustained by the Court, and Walcott was saved all but the humiliation of having such questions affecting his honor and honesty asked of him.

It is not extremely place of the Chicago Board of the Sand had the courage to fight it out with the Frenchman who ruled the kirchen. It took a good deal of persuasive argument and authority to accomplish "Marrous" he might consider—but this was an American dinner, and "marrons" were not "in it" No! he would give up his place before he would "so degrade his profession." However, the position was too good a one to be given up even for so serious a cause as stuffing a turkey. So he graciously consented to compromise with the house-keeper, who was equal to the occasion and took the turkey buriness into her own hands. The old-fashioned dinner was served in as nearly an old-fashioned way as possible in these new-fashioned threst even to the head of the house carving the much-discussed jurkey himself. Every one was rejoiced to see the invalid sit through the whole dinsignar to use; they are generally preferred rather sugar to teste; they are generally preferred rather sugar to teste; they are generally preferred rather her, and eat more heartily than she had done for years, because, as she said, "It looked and smelled appetizing." It was her last Christmas dinner, and his dinner as he chose.

If one does not care to go to the expense of havmade with a little money, some work and taste. The and all the work done by the young people of the

wire, they make a sort of framework for others Sprigs of holly and of mistletoe for each of the and one that can only be used once in the year, Here is a menu for an easily prepared Christ-

linner:

Oysters on haif-shell.

Clear soup.

Boiled salmon—Sauce Hollandaise.

Cucumbers.

Stewel sweetbreads.

Brotled mushrooms.

Olives and saited almonds.

Roast tirkey—Cranberry sauce.

Potato croquettes and spinach.

Salad of tomatoes with mayonnaise.

Plum pudding.

Frozen punch.

as quickly as possible, so as not to give the ice time to melt and loosen the shells. It will not, however, melt nearly so quickly as the ordinary crushed ice, which, when used in this way, leaves the oysters submerged in water before you have eaten half of them.

For the clear soup take six pounds of clear beef cut from the lower part of the round and a knuckle of veal; add about six quarts of water, cover closely and let boil very slowly all day. When it first boils up skim carefully, strain through a colander and let stand till morning; then skin of every particle of fat. Add one onlon, a lew stalks of celery, a few leaves each of thyme, bay-leaves and parsley, and six whole cloves. Boil all together slowly for half an hour, then strain through a somp-bag or napkin. The soup must be absolutely clear. When needed for dinner, bring it to the boiling point and add one wineglass of sherry just before serving. Egg balls are often served with clear soup, and are made by boiling six eggs until very hard; throw them into cold water and when the area cold, take out the yekes and beat them in a mortar if you have one, or rub with a wide-index of the Hamilton Club's RESOLUTION.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Republican Club on Monday night, W. C. Reddy offered the follow-

cut into dice about half an inch square. Prepare a sauce with a pint of milk (half cream is better); when it boils, thicken with a tablespoonful of flour, blended smoothly with a little cold milk. Season well with salt and pepper and a glass of good sherry; throw in the sweetbreads, cover tightly, and let them boil up for two or three minutes. Serve very hot in fancy paper cases or in little cups of porcelain that come on purpose for them; if the latter are used, they must be made very hot first. This is a very delicate entrée if properly served, but is not at all good if not served "piping" hot.

For broiled mushrooms, get the largest, peel them and stringy pieces by breaking them apart; now cut into dice about half an inch square. Prepare a sauce with a pint of milk (half cream is better);

and leave about half an inch of stalk; baste them well with melted butter and sprinkle a litue pepper and salt over them. Have the broiler very hot and lay the mushroons in it; do not close it too

tightly or the mushrooms may be broken. Have a clear fire of coals and broil on both sides. In about ten minutes they will be tender. Have ready some rather thin, nicely browned and trimmed slices of toast, well buttered; as soon as the mushroons are cooked, lay them on the toast and serve instantly

must begin with great care and follow out same line of carefulness until it is placed before your guests. To begin with, select a plump young flavor, and is finer grained and more julcy than that of the cocks. After it is drawn, rinse quickly in cold water in which dissolve a tablespoonful of salt; then wipe dry both inside and out; it is a art of book-making has reached. There are several great mistake to leave poultry standing in water or wet inside. Prepare a stuffing with about two quarts of well-dried and rolled bread crumbs, a pleces, one grated onion, half teaspoonful of fine summer-savory and two well-beaten eggs; season well with pepper and sait. If oysters are used leave out the eggs, as they are only needed to moisten the bread crumbs. With this fill the craw nalls Company, No. 18 and 29 Astor Place. This and body, being careful not to make them too full, as the brend crumbs swe,, a good deal; draw the twine, sew up the opening in the body with soft cotton, pass the ends of the wings under the back descriptive account of the Fair that will be es-

he without freezing.

In pudding, to be really good, should be made im pudding, to be really good, should be made boiled for three hours at least two weeks belt to needed, English people call this 'curing pudding,' and certainly no one can excel them dum puddings. They always make all they extend to use for the winter at one time, boil them to use for the winter at one time, boil them.

well-known houses still to be mentioned, and their publications, like those of the houses already spoken of, are worthy of the careful and thoughtful at-

Among the many books just published for the nalls Company, No. 18 and 20 Autor Place, This work contains 694 pages, written in the interesting and original style of all the other books by the same author. It not only is an interesting and funny story of the wanderings of "Samantha" and pecially welcome to those who were unable to go to Chicago inst summer. "The minute we passed the gate we wuz overwhelmed with the onspeakable the minute they begin on it be over-whelmed with the "onspeakable" wealth of wit and interesting information that "Josiah Allen's Wife" has collected in her 694 pages. The book is published in two editions, one in cloth with designs in gold and silver, and the other in half Russians in gold and silver, and the other in half Russians in gold and silver. sia leather. In three weeks the firm sold 40,000 copies, and a good idea of the way it has been received can be had from the following clipping from a letter sent by a customer to the house: "Please send by return mail 'Samantha at the World's Fair,' as we are troubled with indigention, and will be obliged to resort to other medicine if this does not come speedily." The other works by "Josiah Allen's Wife," including her volume of "Samantha Among the Brethren' form by the Funk & Wagnails Company. Some of the other books just published by this

firm are: "Henry Ward Beecher, the Shakespeare Gough, the Apostle of Cold Water "John B. Gough, the Apostle of Cold Water, by Carlos Martyn, "Independence," a story of the American Revolution, by John R. Musick, Elustrated with eight full-page half-tone engravings and fourteen other illustrations, by F. A. Carter, "Sustained Honor," a story of the War of 1812, by John R. Musick, "Sleep and Dreams," from the German of Dr. Frederick Scholz, by H. M. Jewett, "Humanles," comments, aphorisms and essays, by John Staples White.

The oldest publishing house in existence is Longmans. Green & Co., of London and New-York. Thomas Longman, who started the house, was born in 1639, and in 1726 he opened a publishing house in Paternoster Road, London, where it has been ever since. Six years ago a branch house eree was opened in this city. This firm was the publisher of some of the most famous of the old-time English authors, including Dr. Johnson and "Tom"

her of some of the most famous of the old-time glish authors, including Dr. Johnson's Dictionary 1746, and subsequently "The Chambers Enciopedia," The branch house in this city is at a 15 East Sixteenth-st., and at present it is one the interesting places of New-York to visit. The iday publications are many and various, and are artistic and convenient form.

A book that has received much admiration and twith a large sale is "The True Story Book," itself by Andrew Lang, with nine plates and twich a large sale is "The True Story Book," itself by Andrew Lang, with nine plates and twich linearitions by H. J. Ford and others. Is a book that will delight the hearts of all different and it will also find favor with older opening to the contains among others the following wiss: "A thoy Among the Red Indians, "Casava's Eacope." The Story of Grace Darling, "he Shannon and the Chesapeake," "Captain Shelive and the Pirates," "The Spartan Three Hunsel." "The Escape of Cervantes," and "Baron enck." A book that will make a useful and armetive Christmas present for boys and girls. "The Outdoor World; or, the Young Collectors inclosed," by W. Furneaux, with 546 dilustrations, treats of animal life, the vezetable world and amineral world. Of the other works lust publication and attention is "Leonidas Polk, Hishop I General," by Dr. William M. Polk, Other

of this book that it was the best hovel since Lorna Donne. It is a volume that has attained immense popularity, and it bids fair to exceed the success of Weyman's other works.

A HOLDAY DISCOLINT.

Thomas Whittaker's publishing house needs no introduction. It long ago got a firm hold on the reading public, and each year it becomes more of a favorite. At this glad season of the year when people are wondering what they shall buy for presents, and where they shall go to get them, their thoughts often turn to Thomas Whittaker's store in the fillie blouse, at Fourtiseve, and Ninthest. Through November and December the Christmas thooks have been sold at a discount of 25 per cent, providing purchasers bought ever one dollar's worth. This general to need as a great incentive to book buyers in these bard times, and so Thomas Whittaker's store hooks have been sold at a discount of 25 per cent, providing purchasers bought ever one dollar's worth. This general to need as a great incentive to book buyers in these bard times, and so Thomas Whittaker's store, has generally been crowded and ents, and where they shall go to get them, their thoughts often turn to Talmas Whittaker's store in the Bilbie House, at Fourth-ave, and Ninth-st. Through November and December the Christmas books have been sold at a discount of 25 per cent. Through November and December the Christmas books have been sold at a discount of 25 per cent. Through November and December the Christmas books have been sold at a discount of 25 per cent. The Burgermelster Petersen was built in Newborks have been sold at a great incentive to book howers in these hard times, and so Thomas Whittaker's stere has generally been crowded and his orders by mail have been unusually large. The Christmas books one finds on his shelves appeal to the tastes of the old and the young. Many of them are of a religious nature and probably the reputation of this bouse in regard to its religious literature is not exceeded by any other in this or other countries. Some of the books that have been published for the holidays are: "Christmas Carols," by Canon Farrar, "Royal Help's for Loyal Living," selected by Martha W. Richardson, "in the Footsteps of the Peets," by Pavid Masson, "The Private Life of the Great Composers," by John Frederick Rowbotham, "Cathedrals of England," edited by Canon Farrar, "A Calendar of Verse," by George Saintsbury, "Songs for the Shut-In," selected by Mary C. Yarrow, "The Size-dicance of Names," by Leopold Wagner, and "From Things to God," by the Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, Among the books for the vours are: "Pearla," by M. Bentham Edwards, "The Treasure of the Branch of the mark, "What can a priest of the Catholic Church Size-dicance of Names," by Leopold Wagner, and "From Things to God," by the Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, Among the books for the vours are: "Pearla," by M. Bentham Edwards, "The Treasure of the present distress he went wide of the mark." What can a priest of the Catholic Church Size-dicance of Names, "by Leopold Wagner, and "The Mill at Sandy Creek," by the Rev. E. A. Rand.

PUBLISHERS AND DOOKSELLERS.

Fig. 19. We will be a compared to the second of the second

them, and in regard to fine art as represented in their holiday editions, they have gone far ahead of any of their previous efforts. The best of their publications are "Glimpses of the Frenen Court." by Laura E. Richards, "Jenny Wren's Boarding House," by James Otis, "Ruby's Ups and Downs," by Minule E. Paul, a companion volume to "Ruby and Ruthy"; "Six Boys," by Elizabeth W. Champney; "Lucile," by Owen Meredith. This new edition of the well-known poem has been embellished with photogravures of the scenery and localities mentioned in the work.

This firm's illustrated holiday edition of Scott's "Ivanhoe" is rich in etchings and photogravures, and "Les Miserables" and "Ruy Blas" are both beautifully embellished with etchings by celebrated French artists.

MR. TREAT'S TREASURES.

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has many attractive volumes carefully prepared for Christmas presents. Some of them are the following: "Our Best Moods," solliequies and other discourses, by the Rev. Dr. David Gregg: "Studies of Our Model Life," essays on the various aspects of Christ, by the Rev. Dr. Burdette Hart: "Timely Topics Discussed," living questions of the day,

THEIR WARES APPRECIATED AS CHRISTMAS given as the composition of the coming man, by the some of are ity

The real rush of Christmas shoppers began yesterday, and, as is usual at every Christmastide, the publishing houses and bookstores were favorite gathering places for these holiday shoppers. Much has already been said in these columns concerning the Christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that was a concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that was a concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that was a concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that was a concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that was a concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that was a concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that the columns concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that the columns concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by all the publishers to make the display this year a true picture of the high development that the columns concerning the christmas publications and the efforts made by a columns concerning the christmas problem on the complex model to social two coling model in the secolumns of tamily medicine, by form ture, "a all to social hours at home compl

LEASES OF CERTAIN PREMISES ARE TO RE GRANTED-IN THE HANDS OF A REFEREE.

Ten of the tenants holding twenty-year leases on Astor property have united in making issue on the terms submitted for renewing the leases of the lands for the next twenty years. They are G. W. Smith, of the grocery firm of Smith & Sills; Frederick Nathan, No. 717 Park-ave.; Thomas R. Harris, executor of the estate of James Van Buren; Louise Merritt, James Slater, Charles A. Flammer, P. H. Walsh, Cecilia A. Forshay, James Devlin, of No. 227 West Forty-fifth-st., and Mrs. Richa Zorkowski. Most of this property is in Forty-fourthst., between Broadway and Eighth-ave., and in Forty-sixth-st., between Eighth and Ninth aves. The tenants are represented by Frederic R. Coudert and Charles A. Flammer, while the Astor estate is represented by Eithu Root and Charles A. Peabody. The suit brought against the Astor estate is by Mrs. Zorkowski. Stephen P. Nash has been appointed referee, and a reference was held at his office, No. 67 Wail-st., Wednezday afternoon. The plaintiffs brought witnesses to show that the property had depreciated in value since the lease was made, twenty years ago. It was then owned by the Astor estate, and is now held by William Waldorf Astor. At that time the property was unimproved, and, being anxious to improve it, the estate made what was then considered liberal terms Leaseholders were to have the privilege of two renewals for twenty years each, and the property was restricted to private dwellings. At that time money was at 7 per cent, but Mr. Astor gave a valuation to each lot and fixed the land rent at 5 per cent of the valuation. It was stipulated that in case the tenant and landlord could not agree at the expiration of twenty years on the terms for the property should be released, each should choose an arbitrator and these two should As the landlord and tenants could not agree on

twenty years, the matter was submitted to arbitration, as the lease provided, Mr. Aster selecting George R. Read, and the tenants selecting James A. Lynch. These two arbitrators selected Thomas C. Acton, president of the New-Amsterdam Bank, as the third arbitrator. Hearlings were held before these arbitrators, and James A. Lynch, the arbitrator selected by the tenants, favored increasing the valuations to an even higher figure than Mr. Astor asked for. The tenants protested to Mr. Astor asked for. The tenants protested to Mr. Astor asked for the tenants protested to Mr. Astor asked for the tenants protested to Mr. Astor, but he said that the matter had gone to arbitrators legelly provided, and that it was entirely out of his hands. The case of Mrs. Zonkowski was agreed upon by these tenants to be brought for trial, and the suit was brought in the Superior Court and Mr. Nash was appointed refere. The property is No. 23 West Ferty-fourthest. Twenty years ago the land reat was fixed at \$450 a year. Mr. Astor's agent wanted \$555 for the next term of twenty years. The case was brought before the arbitrators and they raised the rental to \$90. The lot is nearly 13 feet wide and 100 feet deep. One of the tenants said to a Tribune reporter yesterday:

"If \$900 a year is demanded for this land, the property will hardly be worth having. We cannot get \$1,500 a year rent, and the medium figure between the experts on the two sides places the twenty years, the matter was submitted to arbi-

property w'll hardly be worth having. We cannot get \$1,500 a year rent, and the medium figure between the experts on the two sides places the value of the house at about \$10,000."

The reference will be continued Wedresday in Mr. Nash's office. Steps are being taken to organize an Astor Tenants' Association.

FEARS FOR A GERMAN TANK STEAMER.

THE BURGERMEISTER PETERSEN SAILED PROM ROTTERDAM NEARLY A MONTH AGO-AN INCONSOLABLE MAIDEN WAITS FOR HER GALLANT OFFICER.

The German oil-tank steamer Burgermeister Petersen is so long overdue that fear is entertained for her safety. She sailed from Rotterdam in ballast for this port on November 25, and has since been twice reported by incoming vessels. The Cunard steamer Etruria sighted her in midocean on December 6 in a disabled condition. She had lost her rudder and her rudder post, but was rigging a t. temporary rudder and desired no assistance. On Pannen: "The Story of Henderson: "Letters on one."

A Gentleman of rs of Gaston de Bonne, published in book form Co. It has been said the best novel since dume that has attained bids fair to exceed the works.

December 10 the steamer Lancastrian from Liverpool for Boston spoke her not far from where the Etruria had sinhted her. The Burgermelster Petersen had rigged a jury rudder, but it did not appear to work well, and she asked to be towed into port. The Lancastrian was short of coal and refused to tow the tank steamer. Since then nothing has been heard of the Burgermelster Petersen. If she still survives the recent heavy gaies she must have run out of coal if not out of provisions, Vesteries. ember 10 the steamer Lancastrian from Liver-

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The fathers sleep, but men remain As wise and true and brave as they. Why count the loss and not the gain? The best is that we have to-day."

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA HONORED. Ayer's Sarsaparilla was admitted for exhibition